

STATE OF TENNESSEE VS. PERRY MARCH
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1 OPERATOR: I have a prepaid call from ...

2 MARCH: Perry March

3 OPERATOR: An inmate at Davidson County Criminal Justice Center. Calls are limited to

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5 accept, dial 0 and hold. To refuse, dial – thank you.

6 BERES: Hello.

7 MARCH: Nick?

8 BERES: Yea.

9 MARCH: Hi, this is Perry.

10 BERES: Perry, how are you?

11 MARCH: Good. I'm really sorry to call you. Uh –

12 BERES: No, that's – I'm glad you did. What's up?

13 MARCH: I got off the phone with Carman, and she says that everybody in the world is

14 furious at me for giving an interview to you.

15 BERES: Oh, she's full of it. Who does she say is furious?

16 MARCH: She said my sister said I was – she was furious at me – my sister. Carman

17 didn't see anything. She said it's all over the – I said, "Do you have a picture

18 of me or –"

19 BERES: No, well I haven't heard anyone furious. John Herbison knew I did it. Ed

20 Fowlkes knew I did it. They all said it was fine. It wasn't an interview – we

21 just talked. I did like you said. I told people that you were reading Harry

22 Potter in Chinese.

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1 MARCH: Okay.

2 BERES: And so I don't know if she's furious – Carman probably – depending on who
3 she talks to –

4 MARCH: Because – no, she didn't see it herself. She talked to my sister.

5 BERES: Oh, you mean, Kathy Breitowich?

6 MARCH: Yeah, yeah. And she said that – she said I – you said something about my –
7 what I was saying about my dad in there or anything like that. I don't know.

8 BERES: All I said about your dad was that you are not angry at him and that you said
9 that your dad did what you felt he had to do. So, uh – that's, uh – I mean, I
10 don't know if they're sensitive to all of that or not, but, um, yeah, I mean
11 shoot, I, uh – there wasn't a lot of reaction to it, I don't think.

12 MARCH: Well, okay – let's just – well, let's just – I just want to say one thing to you. I
13 – I – real carefully, I have to be able to say this, okay, because they're
14 probably going to call you as a witness now.

15 BERES: Who –

16 MARCH: The police are probably going to – they're listening to us on the phone right
17 now. They're probably going to call you as a witness. I did not say that my
18 dad did what he had to do. I said I understand why my dad did what he did.

19 BERES: Okay, well, maybe that's, you know – I mean, I just took it – I don't
20 remember exactly what you said. But, yeah, you may have said, "I
21 understand" why your dad did –

22 MARCH: I said I understand his motivation for doing it, but –

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1 BERES: Sure.

2 MARCH: -- and all like that.

3 BERES: Okay, maybe that's it. That may be the way you said it, and if I misreported –

4 I don't recall exactly what I said you said, but it was along the lines of – my

5 point was you love your dad.

6 MARCH: Yeah, but you could – just do me one favor, would you –

7 BERES: Sure.

8 MARCH: -- because – could you make sure you clarify because it's a very important

9 point that I am not – I understand his motivation. That's what I understand.

10 BERES: That you understand his motivation. I can – I'll definitely – I can clarify that

11 when we do another story on it. Absolutely.

12 MARCH: Because I don't understand why he did what he did or he had to do. Or is

13 sounds like he had – he had to make a story up, and he didn't. But I

14 understand his motivation.

15 BERES: Oh, and I didn't say that he made up the story or that he didn't make up the

16 story. I just said that you understood why he had – so you're saying you

17 understood the motivation for why he did what he did.

18 MARCH: Of course, of course.

19 BERES: That's what you're saying.

20 MARCH: That's all I – that's all I really said.

21 BERES: Okay. All right.

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1 MARCH: Because, you know, I do understand the motivations for why he did what he
2 did which is that he was being threatened with obstruction.
3 BERES: Yeah, that's fine. I mean, you want me to clarify that. Because as I said, of
4 course, we didn't have a camera or a tape recorder or anything like that there
5 so I was –
6 MARCH: Yeah. That's the only point I really care about because I know that Massey
7 and them are going to be mad at me because, you know, I wasn't supposed to
8 talk about my dad at all except for telling you I didn't have a problem saying
9 to anybody that I understand –
10 BERES: Um huh, right.
11 MARCH: -- his motivations for what he did.
12 BERES: Okay.
13 MARCH: It's not like I understand that he had to do what he had to do 'cause he didn't
14 have to do that, but I understood his motivations for doing it.
15 BERES: I understand, okay. Well, that's –
16 MARCH: That's probably what my sister was upset with, Nick.
17 BERES: And if she was – if there's something more you want me to clarify, like if it's
18 the way I remembered it –
19 MARCH: No.
20 BERES: I thought the story in general was positive because it basically was just letting
21 people know what you've been doing lately because you would not go into the

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1 case with me at all. You said that at the beginning. The whole point there
2 was just kind of: What's Perry doing these days?
3 MARCH: Absolutely.
4 BERES: How are you – how are you passing your time? I talked about how you were
5 reading a Spanish Bible –
6 MARCH: Hold, hold on, listen. I'm – I'm completely calm with everything.
7 BERES: Okay.
8 MARCH: It's just, I think, that the nerve that was hit was that because my sister read the
9 statement as saying –
10 BERES: Fine, okay.
11 MARCH: -- that I knew that he had to do that, and I –
12 BERES: I see.
13 MARCH: And I didn't know that he had to, I just knew his – I understand his motivation
14 for what he did.
15 BERES: Okay.
16 MARCH: That's all I understood was his motivations.
17 BERES: Okay.
18 MARCH: I don't know –
19 BERES: Motivation.
20 MARCH: Yes.
21 BERES: Well, then I'll clarify that in future stories –
22 MARCH: Right.

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1 BERES: -- that that's exactly what you meant, and that --
2 MARCH: Right, that's all I care about.
3 BERES: And that's fine, and maybe we'll come by and see you again sometime.
4 MARCH: Yeah, and by the way, I do have something that I think would be real
5 interesting for you. Uh, so if you do want to come by just let me know, okay.
6 BERES: I'll let you know ahead of time, and I always run it by John and Ed Fowlkes
7 first, you know, to make sure, you know, if they don't want me to come, I
8 won't because I do want to clear it with them first.
9 MARCH: I'm not upset at all with what happened. I just wanted you to understand that
10 there's a major difference between those two statements.
11 BERES: I've got you -- I've got you.
12 MARCH: You know what I'm saying.
13 BERES: And I'll clarify it. All right, you take care of yourself, Perry.
14 MARCH: Okay, bye bye.
15 BERES: Bye bye.
16 END OF TAPE
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